



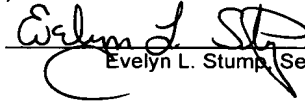
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PETITION AND FEE FOR ONE-MONTH TIME EXTENSION

Sir:

With reference to the above-identified application, and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), applicant hereby respectfully requests that this application be granted a one-month time extension to (Monday) April 23, 2001.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17, a check for \$55.00 is enclosed. It is requested that any fees required or any shortages in any fees due, now or at any time during the examination of this application, be charged to Deposit Account 02-1653.


Respectfully submitted,

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